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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On October 26, 2005, the Board of Regents acted as follows:

Conditional approval is granted for the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Heritage Resources program (CIP 30.1202) at Northwestern State University, effective Fall 2005. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education documenting numbers of students enrolled in the program.

A report was received from Northwestern State University in November.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Northwestern reports two students formally declared as Heritage Resource majors. Faculty in the School of Social Sciences have identified a few more students who are interested in the major. The institution states that the major was not included in the application form until recently, so applicants were not aware of the program. Brochures and posters are now available for recruitment and the Director of Recruiting is aware of the major. Northwestern anticipates that the enrollment in this new program will increase.

STAFF SUMMARY

Present enrollment of two students in the bachelor's program in Heritage Resources is low, even for the second semester of implementation. Every possible resource should be used to increase enrollment. The staff cautions that unless significant enrollment increase occur, the program will not fare well in upcoming low completer reviews.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the Progress Report Relative to the Implementation of the Bachelor of Arts in Heritage Resources at Northwestern State University. A subsequent progress report addressing program enrollment shall be submitted to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs by December 1, 2007.